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¶1. The following is an update on avian influenza (AI) developments in Japan for the period June 1-8. No human or animal outbreaks of H5N1 avian influenza were reported in Japan during the above period.

Ibaraki Issue Safety Declaration

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¶2. On June 1, Masaru Hashimoto, Governor of Ibaraki Prefecture, announced his intention to issue a declaration of safety on the outbreaks of avian influenza in the prefecture after the prefecture confirms that all affected poultry farms are negative for the virus. To do this, the prefecture has to sterilize the farms three times after culling chickens and then needs to confirm that no virus is detected in the farms. As of June 1, 12 farms out of 40 affected in the prefecture have yet to be examined. The prefecture expects that the confirmation will be done by the end of June at the earliest.

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